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Acton Area League of Women Voters

Dear Marilyn Peterson,

On behalf of the Town of Acton, we congratulate the members of the Acton Area League of Women Voters on their 50th anniversary.

The League has been instrumental in improving the quality of the governing process in Acton. The League has suggested numerous changes in Town Meeting such as the use of a consent calendar, pro and con microphones, time limits on presentations, and time limits on speakers. All of these have helped to make Acton's Town Meeting run more smoothly and efficiently.

The League has always been a strong voice for Open Meeting Law and the practice of sending observers to many board and committee meetings has the dual impact of keeping the league 'in the loop' and reminding board and committee members that the public is watching what they do.

And, of course, the many, many LWV candidate's nights provide an invaluable service in local elections. The LWV candidate's night is frequently where local voters get to see and hear candidates for the first time. Many voters make their decision about who to support based on their impressions of the candidates at the LWV debates.

The League is unique in its blend of nonpartisan political activities with public policy positions and advocacy. We wish you all the best in the next 50 years of serving the greater good by promoting good government.

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